

DRAFT INSTRUCTION

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SUBJECT: EXCON: Dissemination of Weekly Inventory of DCN Cases to Interested Foreign Service Posts

SENT TO: Selected American Diplomatic and Consular Posts

References: Second European EDO Conference Papers:

- (1) "Organization and Operations of Washington Diversion Control Net" ED/ED D-80/10, November 9, 1954

(2) "Intelligence Support for Diversion Control Operations" ED/EC
as a result of discussions at the Second European EDO Conference held

in Paris November 15-19, 1954, it has been decided to distribute to interested Foreign Service posts on a weekly basis the inventory of cases ^{hereafter} established by the inter-agency Washington Diversion Control Network. The first such weekly inventory is attached, as is the second report of the Diversion Control Network to the EDAC Executive Committee. It is hoped that this inventory will prove helpful to the field in indicating the diversion cases being followed by the interested agencies in Washington and in evoking, from posts not immediately concerned with a particular case, supplementary information concerning the persons or firms involved. To assist the field in following such cases, Washington will henceforth note on outgoing instructions as part of the subject title or at the appropriate point in the body of the message the number of the relevant DCN case. Posts are encouraged to submit suggestions for modifying or improving the inventory in the light of experience.

It will be noted that no attempt is made on the inventory to indicate the priority assigned to a case. This is because a "case" is established more or less automatically ^{also} on the basis of ^{reports} communications received from or sent to the field whenever it is expected that there may be a number of communications exchanged subsequently between Foreign Service posts or between Washington and the field. For example, a diversion or possible diversion revealed by a Bonn intercept ^{may not be} is not normally made a "case" until a follow-up message is received from another Foreign Service post. As a general rule, whenever Washington

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(or USRO/ST) believes that a particular case initiated in the field should be assigned a higher priority, this fact is communicated to the interested posts by means of a telegram or instruction. The absence of such a communication should not be interpreted to mean that Washington does not have an interest in the case or that Washington does not believe the case to be important, but only that Washington sees no immediate need for follow-up action and prefers to have the interested posts follow-up on their own initiative in accordance with their existing workloads. / As a regular procedure, old cases are reviewed from time to time to decide whether they warrant being moved from an "active" to a ^{an "inactive"} "dead" status. ^{in the DCN country} Addressee posts will be kept informed of such changes in the status of ~~particular~~ cases.

TP3 It has been suggested that for educational value the Diversion Control Network might attempt to make available to the field more final ^(active completed) case summaries on a routine basis. This suggestion is still under consideration, although ~~it is felt that the case summaries prepared by USRO/ST do serve the intended purpose adequately with the limited manpower available to the Diversion Control Network in Washington.~~ ^{however,} It is believed that for the time being at least ^{manpower} the available resources can ^{more} profitably be devoted to collating the information ^{currently being} received from all sources on diversion activities and wherever possible, on the basis of this information, ^{new} to ^{techniques and trends} furnish the field with supplementary information indicating possible new leads, with name intelligence summaries, and with summaries on the possible relationship between ^{current} cases. ~~However,~~ Washington (or USRO/ST) is prepared ^{if a} at the ^{is made by} specific request of a Foreign Service post, to ^{collate materials and make} prepare a summary of the facts on any case in which the post may be especially interested.

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(IP4) Missions are requested to review the list of posts to which it is prepared to send the weekly inventory of DCN cases and to inform the Department of any additions or deletions desired.

Attachments:

1. Weekly Inventory of DCN Cases
2. Second Report of the DCN.

Suggested Post List:

Paris (USRO/ST)
Paris (EMBASSY)
Rome
Milan
Genoa
Ottawa (?)
Mexico City (?)
Santiago

Antwerp
Brussels
The Hague
Stockholm
London
Hong Kong (?)
Ankara (?)
Bern

Hamburg
Bremen
Munich
Dusseldorf (?)
Vienna
Bern
Basel
Zurich

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